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Per our 25 September conversation, attached is the full text of the article that appeared in Quan Doi Nhan Dan on 13 September. In some ways, it is even juicier than the Nhan Dan article of 12 September. This 13 September article also ends on the note of supporting the "just struggle of the Palestinian and Arab peoples" which, according to North Vietnam "will certainly achieve final victory. "

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Article: "Encouraged By The U.S. Imperialists, The Israeli Aggressors
Again Waged War Against The Arab Countries"

According to Western sources, for 2 consecutive days, 8 and 9 September, the reactionary Israeli administration blatantly sent many aircraft to bomb and strafe in a savage manner more than 10 Palestinian refugee camps in Syria and Lebanon -- killing more than 200 persons and wounding hundreds of others, most of them women, children, and oldsters. Western news agencies stated this was the biggest raid since the Middle East war of 1967.

This fact again exposes the obdurate and extremely bellicose nature of the U.S. imperialists and the reactionary Israeli administration, the efficient U.S. henchmen in the Middle East. This open act of aggression was a calculated step, a link in their whole scheme aimed at destroying the Palestinian resistance movement.

For dozens of years since the establishment of the "Republic of Israel" the imperialists, especially the U.S. imperialists, have tried to protect and help Israel, have given "aid," trained, and equipped the Israeli army, and have turned Israel into an assault force to protect their colonial interests in the Middle East area. On U.S. orders Israel has continuously waged three wars of aggression (in 1948, 1956, and 1967), occupied the land of the Arab Palestinians, and taken over a part of the Arab countries' territory, thereby forcing more than a million Palestinians to leave their native land and lead a miserable and wretched life in refugee camps set up in the neighboring Arab countries.

Since the aggression in 1967 the reactionary Israeli administration has repeatedly launched many provocative attacks against the Arab countries to intimidate the spirit of the peoples in these countries and intensify its pressure with a view to forcing the Arab countries' peoples to compromise and allow it to occupy permanently the areas of land it illegally invaded and preventing the Arab countries from supporting the Palestinian people's liberation struggle.

Since late 1970 Israel has concentrated its forces on the eastern front, intensified its raids against Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon, and

aimed the spearhead at the Palestinian guerrilla forces stationed in these countries. The U.S. imperialists, on the one hand, ordered Israel to launch many massive attacks on the Palestinian guerrillas' bases, and on the other carried out the scheme of using Arabs to fight Arabs by pulling the strings on the Jordanese reactionaries to make them start many bloody conflicts against the Palestinian guerrillas (in the 1970-1971 period).

Since early 1972 to date Israel has repeatedly attacked the guerrilla bases in southern Lebanon and near the Gollan Heights (in Syria) under its occupation, with no other purpose then taking another step in the scheme to create pressure and force Syria and Lebanon to curtail and check the activities of the fraternal Arabs who are fighting with sheer bravery to liberate Palestine.

On 5 September, taking advantage of the capture of a number of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympic Games by Palestinian patriots, intended to force Israel to release a number of Palestinian patriots, the U.S. lackey committed, with the U.S. imperialists standing behind pulling the strings, a bloody massacre that took the lives of many Palestinian guerrillas and Israeli athletes. Immediately after this massacre they frenziedly whipped up a movement to oppose the Arab countries and terrorize more than 50,000 Arabs in West Germany.

More serious still, following their aggressive offensives on 8 and 9 September, the Israeli troops on 11 September "mustered near the Lebanon-Syria border in preparation for a new offensive" and "Israeli aircraft flew many villages in southern Lebanon," according to UPI on 11 September. The Israeli Foreign Minister brazenly stated: "The frustration of the Palestinian guerrillas' operations is a mission of first priority for Israel," according to Reuter on 8 September. Meanwhile, their master -- who are Nixon and Rogers -- made several arguments about humanity and peace in an attempt to stir world public opinion. Simultaneously they ordered U.S. police and secret agents to stage the trick of stepping up protection for the Israeli, West German, and Arab diplomatic Corps in the United States with a view to cause further tension in the international atmosphere. The U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations brazenly vetoed a draft resolution by the Arab countries condemning the Israeli forces' aggressive attacks.

The U.S. imperialists' perfidious dark maneuver has been exposed. The Israeli troops' aggressive acts have been dealt appropriate counterblows by Syria and Lebanon. In two dogfights on 9 September the Syrian air forces downed three aggressors jets. The peoples of the Arab countries have not shrunk before the aggressors' threats, but are determined to oppose resolutely their divisive plot and aggressive acts. Mr Abu Gihat, a leader of the Palestinian liberation movement, stated on 9 September: "The Israeli aggressors thought their attacks would shake our Palestinian guerrillas' fighting spirit. On the contrary, they only caused us to increase our combat determination. We follow the good examples set by the Vietnamese people." The Egyptian government, the UAR government, the President of the Republic of Lebanon, the Arab League, and others have denounced the true color of the Israeli government and the U.S. imperialists, supported the Palestinian people, and have called on the Arab countries to take joint action to oppose the Israeli offensives.

By embarking on an aggressive path in the Middle East and by acting recklessly and committing new crimes against the Arab and Palestinian peoples, it is certain that the Americans and the Israeli lackeys will meet the fierce opposition of the Arab countries and become more isolated in the world. None of the aggressors' dark plots and maneuvers can stamp out the Palestinian people's resistance or foil the Arab peoples' determination to fight for their fundamental national rights. Even though it still may encounter many difficulties and hardships, the just struggle of the Palestinian and Arab peoples will certainly achieve final victory, because it is supported by all progressive world peoples.